J. T. Pitt

CHICKASAW

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1883.

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Chickasaw Baptist Associacion,

HELD WITH

Amaziah Baptist Church,

Union County, Mississippi,

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Commencing September 14th, 1883.

Officers:

ELD. J. T. PITTS ..... MODERATOR.
N. M. BERRY..... TREASURER.
W. U. HAMPTON ..... CLERK.

CLINTON, MISSISSIPPI:
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MINUTES

OF THE

Chickasaw Baptist Association.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

The delegates composing the Forty-Fourth Session of the Chickasaw Association, met with Amaziah church on Friday before the third Sabbath in September, 1883.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder D. C. M. Bigham. Text, Romans 1:16. Subject: Not ashamed of the Gospel. The sermon was short, concise, earnest and full of rich Gospel thought. After preaching the congregation was dismissed till 1:30 o'clock, at which time the Association met for permanent organization.

The Moderator read the 23d Psalm; prayer was offered by Elder W. L. Farmer.

The Moderator appointed Elder C. W. Smith and Bro. N. M. Berry reading clerks.

The letters from the churches were then called for and read.

After which proceeded to elect officers, viz: Elder J. T. Pitts Moderator, N. M. Berry Treasurer, W. U. Hampton Clerk.

On motion, appointed a committee of five to arrange the order of business, to wit.

Elders G. W. Potter, I. M. Gray, W. L. Farmer, and brethren W. L. Souter and H. D. Blaylock.

Appointed a committee to arrange for preaching during the session, namely:

First district, Bro. W. A. Funk; Second District, Bro. F. Souter, with the deacons of Amaziah church.

The committee on preaching submitted the following partial report:

At Amaziah to-night, Elder G. W. Potter; Cornersville, Elder C. W. Smith; To-morrow 11 o'clock at this church, Elder I. H. Anding.

On motion, adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder W. E. Berry.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder W. E. Berry.

Minutes of Friday read and adopted.

On motion, adopted the order of business of last session, by prefixing calls for petitionary letters, as recommended by committee.

CALLED FOR PETITIONARY LETTERS.

None.

CORRESPONDENCE CALLED FOR.

Tippah Association—Elders H. L. Finley, I. H. Anding, W. E. Berry, brethren W. O. Rutherford, Isabel Rutherford, P. C. Gadd, M. C. Self, J. M. Goolsby, J. B. Fuller, Graneson Baker, L. Legget, M. W. Darden.

The Moderator then invited all visiting brethren to seats with us during the session.

On motion, agreed to meet with Union church, at Dallas, Lafayette county, in 1884.

On motion, the Moderator appointed brethren W. L.

Souter, G. A. Logan and E. Y. Reaves, as a committee to nominate a suitable brother to preach the next introductory sermon.

CALLED FOR REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

1st. Domestic Missions. Elder C. W. Smith read the following report, which, after instructive speeches by brethren N. M. Berry, S. H. Plant, Elders H. L. Finley, J. H. Morgan, W. L. Farmer, W. E. Berry, adjourned till 1:30 o'clock p.m. to hear a sermon by Elder I. H. Anding. Text, 1 John 4 v. Subject, "And this is the victory that overcome the world, even our faith." The sermon was full of rich Bible truths and very earnestly and ably delivered.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder H. L. Finley.

Renewed consideration of the report on Domestic Missions by speeches from Bro. F. Souter and Elder C. W. Smith. After which proceeded to take pledges to the amount of $243.-50. To be paid by January 1st, 1884.

On motion, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Domestic Missions is a subject that should interest every church. Yes. every brother and sister of each church and especially each pastor. Just so long as there are so many poor souls who have not heard the precious Gospel of the Son of God; just so long should we continue to give liberally of our means to this cause, and preach it most earnestly. It is so much like the Savior. He went from place to place preaching his everlasting Gospel to those who had it not. Do as near like him as you can and you will not be far wrong. Recollect we claim to be Christian followers of Christ

Brethren, we have great encouragments. Reports show that the Lord is blessing the few dollars and cents that you have given to his glory. Is not this an encouragment to you

to double the amounts given? Yes, thribble it. He says "Occupy till I come." Are we satisfied with the amounts that we are now giving? Are we willing for the Lord to come and catch us with his money in our pockets, saying "can't, can't"

By consulting the minutes of the State Convention, we find that the 60,000 Baptist of the State of Mississippi give for Home Misstons one and two fifths cents per head. There are just a few comparatively who give this amount. Oh, how little! Let us all go to work and try to get every member of the churches to give something to this great cause. "We are not our own, we are bought with the price." Then let us go to work as servants ought to work, for their Master.

Now, brethren and sisters, in the sacred name of Jesus, before whom we must all appear soon to give an account of our stewardship here below, let us go to work in earnest. Let us think more about this very very important matter.

Work for the night is coming,
Work through the sunny noon,
Fill brightest hours with labor,
Rest comes sure and soon.

Give every flying minute
Something to keep in store;
Work for the night is coming
When man works no more,

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. SMITH,
F. SOUTER,
J. E. BOATWRIGHT.
Committee.

PLEDGES FOR STATE MISSIONS.

Antioch church	$ 5 00
Bethel L. C	10 00
Bluff Springs	5 00
Cherry Creek	55 00
Duncan's Creek	5 00
Enon	10 00
Fredonia	6 50
Liberty	11 50
Mt. Pisgah	5 00
Midway	5 00

Oak Grove	5 00
Pleasant Ridge	5 00
Pleasant Hill	10 00
Philadelphia	10 00
Spring Hill	15 00
Shiloh	13 00
Shady Grove	5 00
Salem	5 00
Spring Creek	5 00
Temperance Hill	11 00
Zion Hill	5 00
Ladies Mis'y Ass'n of Abbeville	5 00
G. A. Logan	5 00
F. Souter	10 00
C. W. Smith	10 00
J. H. Morgan	5 00
T. P. McClarly	1 00
Total	$243 50

Committee on preaching submitted the following final report to-wit :

Saturday night at Amaziah, Elder W. L. Farmer.
Saturday night at Cornersville, Elder I. Smith.
Saturday night at Centerpoint, Elder D. E. Gambrell.
Saturday night at Temperance Hill, Elder C. W. Smith.
Sunday 11 o'clock at Amaziah, Elder C. W. Smith.
Sunday 11 o'clock at Cornersville, Elder J. T. Pitts.
Sunday 11 o'clock at Centerpoint, Elder J. H. Morgan.
Sunday 11 o'clock at Temperanee Hill, Elder H. L. Finley.
Sunday night at Amaziah, Elder J. T. Pitts.
Sunday night at Cornersville, Elder J. R. Johnson.
Sunday night at Centerpoint, Elder C. W. Smith.
Sunday night at Temperance Hill, Elder A. G. Perry.
Monday 11 o'clock at Amaziah, Elder G. W. Potter.

Renewed call for correspondence, when Elder A. G. Perry was received from Cold Water Association.

On motion, appointed a committee on finance, to-wit.

F. Souter, H. D. Blaylock and G, A. Logan.

The committee on Nominations recommended that Elder J. T. Pitts preach the next introductory sermon, with Elder I. M. Gray alternate. Adopted.

Resumed the regular order of business.

Elder D. C. M. Bigham read the following report on Foreign Missions, which, after interesting speeches from Bro. F. Souter, Elders I. H. Anding, C. W. Smith, took up a cash collection amounting to $12.85, and pledges amounting to $32.75.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder C. W. Smith.

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SUNDAY AT AMIZIAH.

By 11 o'clock the house was filled by a large but orderly congregation. Elder C. W. Smith preached from a text in Ezekial xxxvii:3. Subject, "Can these bones live?"

Sunday night Elder J. T. Pitts being absent the stand was occupied by Elder D. E. Gambrell, who preached from a text in Psalms, 8:4.

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MONDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder J. H. Morgan.

Minutes of Saturday read and adopted.

Resumed consideration of report on Foreign Missions, which, after the following amendment, was adopted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Christ came as a missionary from the climes of glory to our fallen race, which was lost by sin in the darkness of heathendom. Although the morning light is broken, and the darkness has disappeared to some extent; yet when we contemplate the millions of our race who have never heard the name of Christ, who are the slaves of superstition, who are fettered by the chains which the sins and errors centuries have forged, certainly we will be convinced that our Savior's part-

ing command, "Go teach all nations," rests upon us in the nineteenth century, with all the solemn responsibilities, that it did upon those to whom it was spoken.

In fact it seems that there are peculiar responsibilities resting on us. The heathen nations are opening their doors to Christian missionaries. We are not called upon to support strangers in foreign lands. Bro. Simmons is in China, Bro. David is in Africa, Bro. Eager in Italy, Sister Sanford, though employed by the Home Mission Board, is laboring with those heathen Chinese who have come to San Francisco. So that the sacredness of a Savior's command, we have added motives from sympathy with those whom we have learned to love in our own native land, and who have offered themselves on the alter of duty. Oh, how sad to contemplate our apparent indifference upon this subject! We sometimes fear, whilst we often fail in this discharge of duty, that our failure increases as we get farther away from home; and that to the poor heathen our debts are so great that we, as it were, have bankrupted our moral nature. The great missionary spirit of Christianity is not for the welfare of the heathen alone, but it is necessary to the life and development of our own christian character. The practical question with us is not whether the heathen can be saved without the Gospel, but whether we can be saved if we do not send it to them. Let us therefore personally consider this subject prayerfully, and not have it said of us at the judgment, "I was hungry and ye gave me no meat, thirsty and ye gave me no drink."

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. M. BIGHAM, Chairman Com.

AMENDMENT.

We recommend that each pastor of this Association be requested to lay the subject of Foreign Missions before each of their churches, acquainting them at a suitable time with the frequent calls for contributions to sustain Foreign Missions and to receive and forward to Bro. Whitfield such contributions as may by them be received:

PLEDGES FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To be paid by January 1st, 1884.

Enon church	$ 5 00
Poplar Springs	5 00

Spring Creek	
Temperance Hill	5 00
F. Souter	5 00
W. H. Mitchell	10 00
W. J. Rhea	1 00
J. J. Duncan	1 00
	75
Total	$32 72

The reports on Sabbath-schools and Education not being ready, passed to Mississippi College, when Elder G. W. Potter read the following report, which, after short, but instructive speeches by Elders I. H. Anding, W. E. Berry, and G. W. Potter, was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

This institution of learning belongs to the Baptist of Mississippi, and is doing more for us as a denomination than any other instrumentality in the State. If all our brethren could know its importance to our denominational welfare, how easy it would be to increase its efficiency. It needs financial help, and ought to have it. The men who have already come forth from her halls of learning are scattered over this and other States, and furnish ample proof of the good they received at the hands of this College. From thirty to forty young ministers receive instruction at Mississippi College annually. They and the sons of Baptist ministers, pay no tuition. Is it right for a few professors to give so much labor for the benefit of the churches and the world, while our brethren generally sit idly by and see them struggle from year to year? Is it possible for this to continue so, much longer? Brethren, we ought to give our money for the support of this College. Send our sons there where they will be free from many of the temptations so common to College life; and where they will receive a higher education than they can secure at any other school for the same money. We need to be stirred in mind and heart on the subject of a higher education, especially ministerial education. The time for doubting the importance and propriety of educating our ministers has past, we hope to return no more. We must educate, or as a denomination labor at a great disadvantage. If we wish to "war a great warfare we must have weapons suitable for the fight. Education furnishes some of these and Mississippi College educates. Let us come to the

support of this institution as never before. Let us join hands and hearts with the noble self-sacrificing men who have so long and faithfully stood up for the interests of this College.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. POTTER,
F. SOUTER,
J. T. SHORT,
Committee.

TRY PLEDGES FOR MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

Midway Church	$ 2 00
Cherry Creek	10 00
Salem	5 00
Shiloh	5 00
Ladies Missionary Society of Cherry Creek	5 00
Ladies Missionary Society of Amaziah	5 00
C. W. Smith	5 00
G. W. Potter	10 00
T. C. Morgan	5 00
H. D. Blaylock	5 00
W. L. Farmer	5 00
J. T. Pitts	5 00
Spring Creek	5 00
J. W. Boatwright	2 00
Cash Collection	2 10
Total	$76 10

Called for report on Temperance when Elder I. Smith read the following, which, after speeches by Elders C. W. Smith, D. E. Gambrell, J. R. Johnson, I. Smith. I. M. Gray, A. G. Perry, W. M. Swain, and brethren F. Souter, T. S. Hughes, was on motion, adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The committee beg leave to make the following report:

After some thought on the subject, we conclude that Temperance, in all things, is necessary, but more particularly on the subject of intoxicating drinks, which is but the crying sin of our day. Not only in our own communities but sometimes its deformed head rises up in the churches of this Association.

Spring Creek	5 00
Temperance Hill	5 00
F. Souter	10 00
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Brethren, the writer concludes, these things ought not so to be. The remedy we suggest now is that every member of the great brotherhood of Baptists turn their influence against this very great evil.

Respectfully submitted,

I. SMITH, Chairman.

On motion, the rules were suspended and Elder J. R. Johnson read a letter of appeal for help from the Baptist church at Taylors Depot.

On motion, adjourned to hear a sermon by Elder G. W. Potter. Text, John viii—31:32.

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EVENING SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Bro. S. Hughes.

Resumed the regular order of business.—

Elder J. R. Johnson read the following report on State of Religion, which, on motion, was adopted.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

On an examination of the letters from the churches composing this Association, your committee would respectfully submit the following statement:

Some of the churches report revivals of religion as resultant upon a series of meetings conducted by the pastors with the assistance of other ministers. Some churches have been much revived among their own membership, others have been built up greatly by accessions of members converted during services. Some have had protracted meetings, others intend to protract soon and thus hope for good results. It appears that those churches which report much work in missions have been specially favored of the Lord. Hence we would respectfully recommend that this Association advise the churches composing this body to adopt the sysuem of tithing proportionate to the worth of each respective member; not only one-tenth of increase, but one-tenth of actual possessions. This was the

old Jewish law which was found in full force by our Savior, who not only did not repeal it, but re-enacted it. Hence it should be voluntarily acquiesced in by the churches of Christ. Also, experience has proven that the Lord will honor those most who honor him with their substance, "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thy increase, so shall thy barns be filled with plenty."—Proverbs iii:9, 10.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. JOHNSON, Chairman.

Bro. S. G. Darden read the following report on Sabbath-schools, which, after remarks by himself, was, on motion, adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sabbath-schools beg leave to report:

That the time for argument in favor of their utility is past; to get our churches to organize, foster, and keep them in a healthy and prosperous condition, is the great object which we should have in view. At no period in the history of the christian church, has there been so much labor bestowed in this direction as at the present time. We feel justified in asserting that there are more young people engaged in the study of God's word than at any former period. The future, on this account, is full of bright and hopeful prospects. The earnest study of God's word will surely make of such studeuts, strong, active workers in the Lord's vineyard. All of us feel that this is our great need for the prosperity of God's cause to-day. If we sow seed on unprepared soil, or plant and fail to cultivate, we may expect our plants to be only dwarfs. We surely could not expect to reap a bountiful harvest. Nor need we expect to see our young church members become strong men and women in Christ Jesus, ready for every good word and work, if they are not taught their duty from the Bible.

While the great multitude of Sabbath-school workers are going forward with accelerated speed year by year, will we stand idly by and allow our young people and our children to be deprived of such great advantages as the Sabbath-school affords? May the Lord help us to discharge our duty in this regard.

We would recommend "Kind Words," published at Macon, Ga., and the publications of the American Baptist Publi-

cation Society, at Philadelphia, as sound Baptist literature, in every way suitable for Sabbath-school helps.

Respectfully submitted,

I. M. GRAY,
S. C. DARDEN,
F. M. FERRELL,
Committee.

Bro. J. S. Brooks read the following report on Education, which, on motion, was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Education means development. And as the brain is developed and cultivated in science and literature, so should the heart be educated in the christian graces, faith, hope and love. There is an advancement, an expansion of the faculties of man, which lie in the future as is clearly demonstrated by the educational fiacilities of the present, over those of forty years ago. Though man's progress be impeded by discouragements and disappointments, yet he presses onward until he enrolls his name among the great men of our nation, both in literature and religion. We are aware that men whose minds and hearts are cultivated, reap pleasures that are never known or felt by the uneducated. Though a classical education may uot be obtained by every one, yet a liberal education is within the grasp of every person who will avail himself of the means placed before them. Brethren, if we would maintain the high position that we now occupy among the nations of the earth, let us continue to educate our sons and daughters, the very best we can with the facilities afforded. Your attention has already been called to Mississippi College as a suitable place for the education of our sons. We wish to call your attention to the Blue Mountain Female College as the most suitable place for educating our daughters known to us in the State of Mississippi.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. BROOKS,
G. W. HALL,
G. S. MITCHELL,
Committee.

Elder J. H. Morgan read the following report on Documents and Publications, which, on motion, was adopted.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS.

We, your committee to whom was refered the report on Documents and Publications, respectfully submit the following:

We recommend the brethren to take the Baptist Record, the Tennessee Baptist, and other publications of the Society of Memphis, the Foreign Mission Journal and Kind Words.

That the Clerk superintend the printing and distributing of the minutes of the Association, and that he have so much of the proceedings of the Union Meetings published as relates to the time and place of meeting; also the names of brethren appointed to preach stated sermons, those to write essays, and the queries selected for discussion, and that he be allowed $7.50 for his services.

Respectfuily submitted,

J. H. MORGAN, Chairman.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your committee on Finance ask leave to report the following amounts sent up for minutes, viz.

Amaziah church	$ 1 65
Abbeville	85
Antioch	1 00
Bethel, L. C.	75
Bluff Springs	1 00
Bethel, U. C.	55
Cypress Creek	1 60
Cherry Creek	4 20
Cary Springs	
Duncan's Creek	1 70
Friendship	1 00
Fredonia	60
Liberty	1 95
Mt. Pleasant	1 45
Mt. Pisgah	1 30
Midway	1 35
New Hope	1 50
New Albany	1 25
Oak Grove	1 70
Poplar Springs	70
Pleasant Ridge	1 00
Pleasant Hill	1 45
Philadelphia	3 05

Piney Grove	70
Pleasant Dale	50
Spring Hill	2 00
Shiloh	2 00
Shady Grove	70
Salem	90
Spring Creek	1 00
Temperance Hill	70
Toccopola	1 20
Union	1 25
Zion Hill	1 00
Enon	1 00
Total	$44 55

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. LOGAN,
H. D. BLAYLOCK,
F. SOUTER,
Committee.

The Treasurer submitted the following:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

N. M. Berry, Treasurer,
In account with Chickasaw Association.

1882.

DR.

Oct. 25,	To cash per Ladies Miss. Soc. Cherry Creek	$ 4 00
Dec. 2,	" " Union church per W. R. Knight	1 00
" 22,	" " Bethel L. C. per J. D. Wooton	1 00
" "	" " Mrs. Bumgardner	20
1883.		
Jan. 18,	" " Fredonia church	10 00
" "	" " Pleasant Hill church	10 00
" "	" " Cherry Creek church	50 00
" "	" " Amaziah church	1 00
" "	" " Temperance Hill, per H. L. Finley	20 00
" 19,	" " Ladies Miss. Society, Cherry Creek	7 50
" 26,	" " P. H. Bumgardner	2 00
" "	" " Mrs. Bumgardner	50
" "	" " Liberty church	10 50
" "	" " Shady Grove church	7 00

" " " "	Bethel, L. C., church per J. T. Short..	3	75
" " " "	Shiloh church, per G. U. Hampton....	4	00
Feb. 16, " "	Mount Pleasant church.....	10	00
Mar. 8, " "	Bethel, L. C., per J. T. Short.....	4	60
" " " "	Oak Grove church, per I. N. Dodds...	5	00
Apr. 2, " "	Toccopola ch, per Elder C. W. Smith..	15	65
July 5, " "	Cherry Creek church.....	75	00
" " " "	" " " per T. H. Smith..	25	00
" " " "	New Albany.....	5	00
" " " "	Philadelphia church.....	5	00
July 7, " "	Mt. Pleasant church, per Eld. L. Ball	22	75
" " " "	New Albany church, per Eld. L. Ball..	4	75
" 12, " "	Toccopola church.....	5	00
" " " "	Cherry Creek church.....	16	00
" " " "	Ladies Mission Society, Cherry Creek..	13	60
" 17 " "	Dr. B. F. Leavell.....	5	00
Sep. 14 " "	Spring Creek church..	5	00
" " " "	Zion Hill church	5	00
" " " "	Fredonia church	3	05
" " " "	Mt. Pleasant.....		45
" " " "	Public Collection 15th inst.....	8	10
" " " "	Sale of ring.....	3	00
" " " "	Union Church.....	5	00
" " " "	Temperance Hill.....	5	00
" " " "	Duncan's Creek.....	5	00
" " " "	Mt. Pisgah.....	2	50
" " " "	Amaziah, per Eld. W. E. Berry.....	16	50
" " " "	Antioch, per Eld. H. L. Finley.....	5	00
" " " "	Salem.....	5	50
	Total for State Missions since Sept. 1882.....	$408	90

1883.

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By am't pd. G. W. Leavell, Treas. S. M. B., at sundry times.....	$339	80
Sept. 17, By am't paid H. L. Finley for mission work in our bounds.....	42	00
Sept. 17, By am't paid Eld. D. E. Gambrell for work at Temperance Hill.....	13	55
Sept. 17, By am't sent S. M. B., by S. H. Plant.....	13	55
Total.....	$408	90

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1883.

DR.

July, to cash Cherry Creek church and S. S.	$ 23 10
Sept. 15, to cash Fredonia	4 80
Sept. 15, to cash Mt. Pleasant	3 20
Sept. 15, to cash Shiloh, per W. U. Hampton	4 00
Sept. 15, to cash Public collection	12 85
Sept. 15, to cash Eld. C. W. Smith sent collection	9 00
Sept. 15, to cash Piney Grove church, per T. Souter	2 25
Sept. 15, to cash public collection on Sunday	14 35
Total	$ 73 55

CR.

July, By amount sent Geo. Whitfield	$ 23 10
Oct. 1, by am't sent Dr. Tupper, less expenses	50 45
Total	$ 73 55

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

DR.

July, to cash Cherry Creek church on pledge of 1883	$ 8 50
Sept. 15, to cash John T. Brown	5 00
Sept. 15, to cash Spring Hill church, per W. L. Souter	5 00
Sept. 15, to cash public collection to-day	2 10
Total	$ 20 60

CR.

July, by amount sent Z. T. Leavell, agent	$ 8 50
Oct. 1, by amount sent Rev. W. S. Webb	12 10
Total	$ 20 60

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. BERRY, Treasurer.

The following appointment of correspondents was made: Calhoun—W. L. Souter, J. W. Powell, S. Hughes, and F. Souter.

Tippah—W. L. Farmer, J. H. Morgan, I. M. Gray, C. T. Jeffers, D. E. Gambrell, H. D. Blaylock, and G. W. Potter.

Judson—I. Smith, W. A. Funk, J. F. Coleman, J. T. Pitts, G. W. Potter, C. W. Smith, W. L. Souter, D. Mitchell, and J. Mc. C. Tucker.

Oxford—S. H. Plant, F. Souter, S. Hughes, J. W. Powell, and J. H. Morgan.

Aberdeen—J. R. Johnson, C. W. Smith, Tho. Gorley and S. Hughes.

Coldwater—J. H. Morgan, J. W. Boatwright, and H. D. Blaylock.

Tishimingo—G. W. Potter, N. M. Berry, and J. R. Guyton.

Baptist State Convention—C. W. Smith, G. W. Potter, N. M. Berry, J. H. Morgan, D. C. M. Bigham, J. Mc. C. Tucker, S. C. Darden, F. Souter, W. L. Souter, and H. D. Blaylock.

The Moderator appointed the following committees of the Chickasaw Association for 1884.

Domestic Missions—Elder D. C. M. Bigham, with the delegates from Amaziah, Abbeville, Enon, and Mt. Pleasant churches.

Foreign Missions—Elder G. W. Potter, with the delegates from Antioch, Bethel, L. C., Cypress Creek and Cherry Creek.

Sabbath-schools—Elder C. W. Smith, with the delegates from New Hope, New Albany, Mt. Pisgah, and Oak Grove.

Education—N. M. Berry with the delegates from Bethel, U. C., Midway, Poplar Springs, and Shady Grove.

Mississippi College—Elder D. E. Gambrell, with the delegates from Cary Springs, Friendship, Fredonia, and Duncan's Creek.

Temperance—I. M. Gray, with the delegates from Pleasant Hill, Pleasant Ridge, Philadelphia, and Piney Grove.

State of Religion—I. Smith, with the delegates from Tuscopola, Temperance Hill, Spring Creek, and Union.

Documents and Publications—S. Hughes, with the dele-

gates from Salem, Spring Hill, Zion Hill, Enon, and Shiloh.

On motion, it was resolved, that Bro. F. Souter be appointed a member of the advisory committee to the State Mission Board, to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Elder W. W. Finley from our State.

On motion, the reports made by Elder H. L. Finley and D. E. Gambrell, to the advisory committee, was received by this body as follows:

Report of H. L. Finley missionary pastor at Antioch, to September, 1883.

Report of H. L. Finley, missionary pastor at Antioch, to September, 1883:

No. days of service	20
No. sermons preached	30
No. miles traveled	200
Amount of books sold	$25 00
No. pages of tracts distributed	4,000
No. Baptized in person	3
No. baptized by others	6

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. FINLEY.

Report of D. E. Gambrell, missionary pastor at Temperance Hill, to September, 1883:

No. sermons preached	26
No. miles traveled	105
No. baptized	7
No. conversions	17

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. GAMBRELL.

The following resolutions were read and adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That each delegate representing their churches in this Association be appointed in conjunction with their pastors, as canvassing agents for Missions, and that each member of every church be solicited personally for a contribution, and that they designate, before sending it to the Treasurer, the amount to State and the amount to Foreign Missions.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body is hereby tendered

to the people of this vicinity for their kindness and hospitality during this session of our Association.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to our officers for their faithfulness in the discharge of their respective duties.

Resolved, That the churches hereafter be requested to add to their statistical table the amounts paid their pastors, expended on churrh buildings, Home and State Missions, Ministerial Education, and Seminary. And also a complete list of their deceased members, that the same may be published in the minutes.

[The above resolution is re-published from old minutes, and the Association earnestly requests the churches to comply with its requirements in making out their next statistical returns.—Clerk.]

Resolved, That a star be placed opposite the names of all members of this body, who are absent at roll call.

Called and corrected the roll of names. Minutes read and adopted.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Union church at Dallas, in Lafayette county, on Friday before the third Sabbath in September, A. D. 1884.

Thus closed another very interesting and harmonious session of the old Chickasaw Baptist Association.

ELDER J. T. PITTS, Moderator.

W. U. HAMPTON, Clerk.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Call for petitionary letters.
2. Call for correspondence.
3. Determine place of holding next session of this Association.
4. Elect a minister to preach the introductory sermon at the next Association.
5. Call for reports of standing committees, viz:

First—Domestic Missions.
Second—Foreign Missions.
Third—Sabbath-schools.
Fourth—Education.
Fifth—Mississippi College,
Sixth—Temperance.
Seventh—State of Religion.
Eighth—Documents and Publications.

6. Report on Finance.
7. Report of Treasurer.
8. Appoint correspondents.
6. Appoint committees to report at our next Association.
10. General business and resolutions.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

E McGregory, Toccopola.
C W Smith, "
F M Ferrell, "
G W Potter, Cherry Creek.
J T Pitts, " "
D C M Bigham, " "
I Smith, Wallerville.
J A Johnson, Randolph.
Thos. Gorley, "
J P Johnson, "
F M Vines, Dallas.
James Furguson, "
G J Robbins, Esperanza.
J H Morgan, Bethlehem.
Wm Langston, New Albany.
I M Gray, Cornersville.
W L Farmer, "
J R Johnson, Abbeville.
H L Kidd, Esperanza.
A J Gains, Waterford.
J P Rodgers, "
D E Gambrell, Bethlehem.
R J Pickens, Darden.
J N Swain, "

LICENTIATES.

G E Murphy, Lafayette Springs.
J M Cleaveland, New Albany.
R M Bell, Pontotoc.
W L Mullins, Dallas.
W F Butler, Hickory Fat.
E C Mahan, Toccopola.
W H Miller, Oxford.
J M Huckaby, Molino.
P P Watts, Dallas.
T J Verner, Randolph.
Bennett Tutor, "
G N Williams, Graham.

UNION MEETING
OF THE
FIRST DISTRICT.

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The Union meeting of the First District meets with the Shady Grove church, Pontotoc county, Thursday before the first Sunday in August, 1884. Elder I. Smith to preach the introductory sermon, Elder D. C. M. Bigham alternate.

The following brethren were selected to write essays on the subjects written in connection with their names.

1. The mission of the church—N. M. Berry.
2. Adoption—G. W. Potter.
3. Duty of pastors to indoctrinate the churches—S. C. Darden.
4. The Resurrection—J. B. Stewart.
5. The Judgement—D. C. M. Bigham.
6. Christian Deportment—E. Y. Reaves.
7. The negligence of christians to search the Scriptures—T. D. Brandon.
8. The necessity of supporting the Gospel—A. B. Knox, M. D.
9. The church of Christ and its ordinances—J. T. Pitts.
10. Family prayer—I. Smith.
11. The importrnce and duty of young christians preparing themselves for usefulness in the church—J. A. Rogers.
12. The evils of dram-drinking, especially as practiced by professed christians—M. L. Henry.
13. Church discipline—W. L. Souter.

QUERIES.

1. What is the besetting sin of the church?
2. Is it Scripturally right for a church to send a committee to labor with an offending member?
3. How should a church deal with a member who has been guilty of a public offense?

——Clerk, ——Moderator,

UNION MEETING

OF THE

SECOND DISTRICT.

The Union Meeting of Second District meets with Bluff Spring church, Lafayette county, on Thursday before the first Sabbath in October, 1884.

Elder C. W. Smith to preach the introductory sermon; Elder G. E. Murphy, alternate.

The following brethren were appointed to write essays on the subject written in connection with their names:

1. The Christian Hope—P. P. Watts.
2. Is it the duty of all Missionary Baptists to Support Missions?—C. W. Smith.
3. Who are the Missionary Baptists and Whence came they?—W. L. Farmer.
4. The best Method of Raising the Pastor's Support.—Frank Souter.
5. Is there a Possibility of Apostasy?—J. B. Rhew.
6. Temperance.—W. E. Taylor.
7. If a Sabbath-school is a good thing, why not all churches have them?—W. M. Dossett.

QUERIES.

1. What did Paul mean in 1st Cor. 7:36?
2. What is the meaning of Mark 12:27?
3. When is a brother or sister in adultery according to the Scripture?

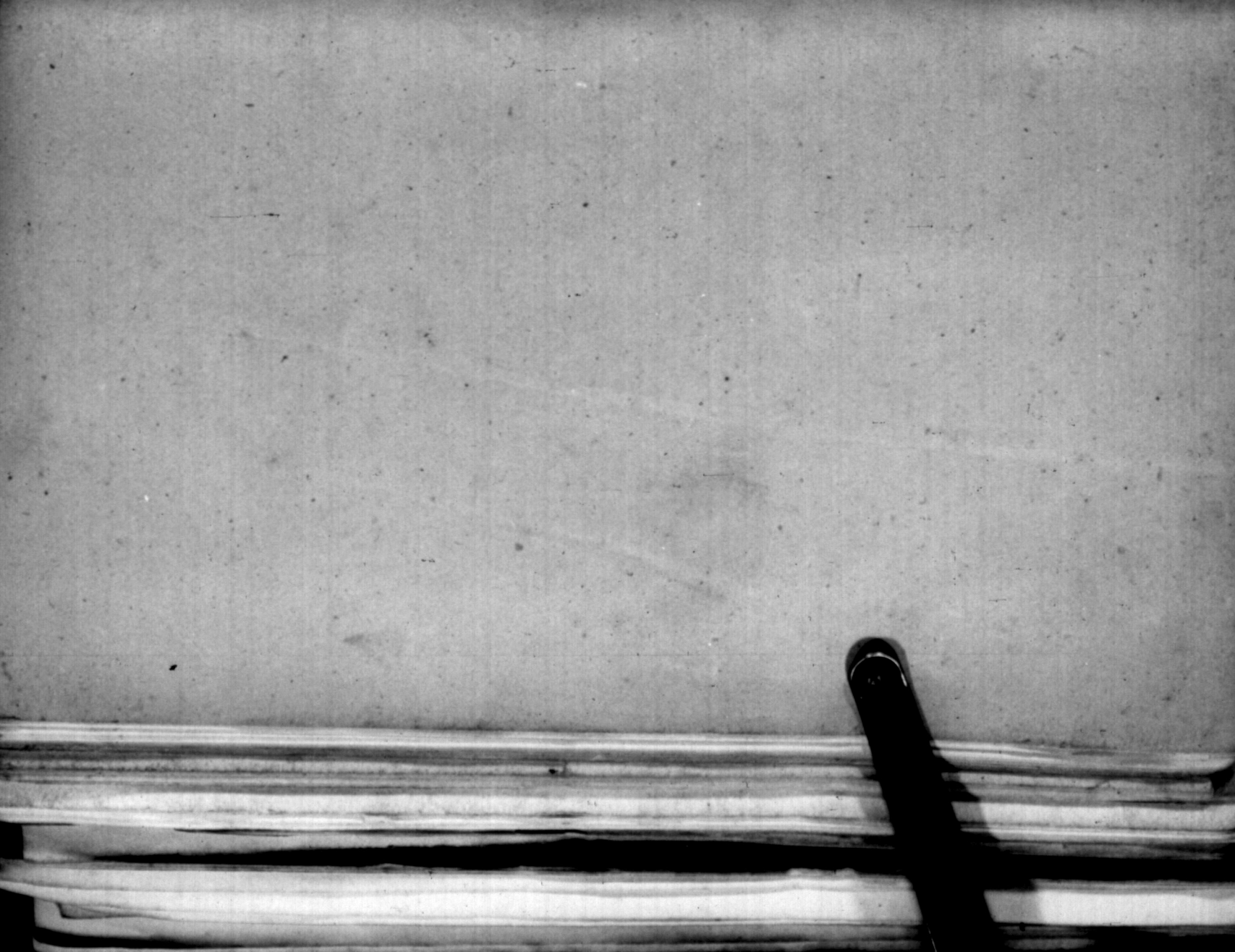
ELD. THOS. GORLEY, Moderator,

ELD. F. M. FERRELL, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POSTOFFICE.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Baptized	Received by letter.	Excluded	Restored	Dismissed by letter.	Died	Total membership.	Sabbath of meeting
Amaziah	W E Berry	Cornerville	W L Farmer, I M Gray, W F Rochester	....	....	3	2	4	1	88	2 3
Abbeville	J H Morgan	Abbeville	*G A Logan, *J R Johnson	....	....	...	...	12	...	69	...
Antioch	J P Rodgers	Potts Camp	W T Holland. Thos Gandy. A B Bowen	9	19	...	...	1	...	47	... 1
Bluff Springs	Thos Gorley	Denmark	*J T Short, *W S Wooton, *A R Wilson	13	1	...	2	1	...	78	1 2
Bethel, U. C	I M Gray	Esperanza	*W H Miller, J H Fuller	4	2	1	1	1	...	53	2 4
Cypress Creek	F M Ferrell	Liberty Hill	*G J Robbins	13	3	2	...	....	2	94	2 4
Cherry Creek	D C M Bigham	Cherry Creek	*B Owens. *M C Butler	....	....	2	...	1	1	28	4 2
Cary Springs	....	Randolph	J T Pitts, *D C M Bigham, N M Berry	2	13	...	...	4	2	177	2 ...
Duncan's Creek	J T Pitts	Toccopola	....	....	....	...	...	....	...	....	...
Enon	I M Gray	Bethlehem	*Thos Shoemaker, *B F Short	20	4	...	...	1	2	65	4
Friendship	D C M Bigham	Cherry Creek	D E Gambrell, K C Morgan, C T Jeffers	11	5	...	...	....	...	38	3
Fredonia	C W Smith	Fredonia	R J Souter, Mc McCarver, H C Scott	3	....	2	1	4	...	54	4
Liberty	D J Austin	Cherry Creek	J B Gauldin, *J R Martin, *G W Williams	3	1	...	...	5	1	78	4 4
Mt. Pleasant	G W Potter	Wallerville	B J Caldwell	....	2	1	1	....	...	78	2 1
Mt. Pisgah	I Smith	Darden	I Smith, W A Funk, J F Colemon	....	....	...	...	2	1	124	1 2
Midway	I M Gray	Caswell	W C Beard, J M Farrow, S C Darden	18	5	1	...	5	...	115	1 2
New Hope	W F Davis	Pontotoc	John Buse, W P Hutchinson	10	7	...	...	5	...	58	2 2
			*W H Seale, *R S Pitts	6	2	...	1	13	2	90	1

STATISTICAL TABLE—CONTINUED.

New Albany	G W Potter	New Albany	E Y Reeves, *B S Liddell	....	....	1	...	....	2	57	4
Oak Grove	I Smith	Myrtle	W M Swain, W M C Hale, T J Perry	1	5	...	...	2	1	103	1
Poplar Springs	F M Vines	Delay	*P P Watts, S Hughes, J W Powell	8	13	...	...	4	...	58	2
Pleasant Ridge	A B Smith	Graham	†J S Davis, †G W Hines, †W J Jackson	2	3	2	...	....	...	136	1
Pleasant Hill	I Smith	Keenville	J S Brown, J M Patterson. W S Nelson	2	....	...	...	2	3	131	4
Philadelphia	G W Potter	Walton	†J A Gray, †E Hale, †J Baker	15	7	4	4	6	2	125	3
Piney Grove	Thos Gorley	Toccopola	....	....	....	...	...	....	1	33	1
Pleasant Dale	I M Gray	Liberty Hill	T P McClarty	10	4	...	1	2	...	31	4
Spring Hill	W F Davis	Pontotoc	†W A Rodgers, W L Souter, †J C Harris	31	10	...	2	1	...	110	4
Shiloh	I M Gray	Lafayette Springs	†J M York, W U Hampton, G E Murphy	18	5	3	4	8	2	101	1
Shady Grove	....	Esperanda	....	....	....	...	...	....	...	....	...
Salem	W L Farmer	Cornersville	W J Rhea, J J Johnson, †J A Roffield	....	3	2	...	14	3	78	2
Spring Creek	W L Farmer	Waterford	†A J Gaines, H D Blaylock, †W H Mitchell	7	1	2	1	7	1	101	1
Temperance Hill	D E Gambrell	Holly Springs	†T C Caldwell, R Marshall, J W Boatwright	6	1	1	...	1	...	22	3
Toccopola	C W Smith	Toccopola	C W Smith, F Souter	1	5	...	...	....	...	80	2
Union	C W Smith	Dallas	T A McCaulley	5	8	...	...	8	2	95	3
Zion Hill	W L Farmer	New Albany	J M Cleveland, †J P Tate, A L Stephens	....	3	2	...	14	...	46	3
				Totals	218	132	29	20	128	29	2645	...

Absentees marked with a star (*) or dagger (†).